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Senate of Pennsylvania

December 15, 2011

The Honorable Tom Corbett
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: National Emergency Grant (NEG) Program

Dear Governor Corbett:

I appreciate the meeting we had on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 regarding Sunoco's announcement to idle its refinery in Marcus Hook Borough, Delaware County; as well as ConocoPhilips' announcement to sell or close its refinery in Trainer Borough, Delaware County.

As a follow-up to our meeting, I have enclosed Marcus Hook Borough Mayor James D. Schiliro's letter to you dated November 22, 2011, offering his support and assistance in applying for the United States Department of Labor's National Emergency Grant (NEG) Program. I support Mayor Schiliro's request.

The NEG Program is designed precisely for situations such as this, which will have a major impact on our local economy, but far more importantly, a major impact on local families.

I know that we share the goal of doing everything possible to find responsible buyers for these facilities and to return them to production. I am committed to working with you and your administration to ensure that every possible option is pursued.

Thank you for your consideration of this crucial issue. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

DOMINIC PILEGGI
SENATOR

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Enclosure

Borough of Marcus Hook

November 22, 2011

The Honorable Tom Corbett
Office of the Governor
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Corbett:

As you are aware, the Borough of Marcus Hook and the surrounding area are currently facing significant challenges resulting from the recent announcements about the closure of the ConocoPhillips refinery and the impending closure of the Sunoco Marcus Hook Refinery. We greatly appreciate the ongoing support you have provided our communities during this difficult time. With this letter, the Borough would like to request your assistance with pursuing means to mitigate the negative impacts of these closures and strive to move toward future community and economic stability.

With the potential loss of 1,000 jobs from both facility closures, we recognize that it is of utmost importance at this time to respond to current and future community impacts through the development of a proactive strategy. This strategy will need to include providing additional training for the displaced workforce so they can find new employment, analyzing and identifying the new market in the community to allow for new development and redevelopment of key sites, minimizing the detriment of job loss to our workforce, schools, and businesses, and identifying key partners and their roles in the promotion of community and economic development.

As part of this effort, we have identified a potential federal source of aid that would be critical in helping to secure the economic future of our community. The National Emergency Grants Program provides assistance to communities and dislocated workers to help recover economically from the impacts of plant closures and large layoffs. The effects of two major area employers closing their facilities will be significant for Marcus Hook and Trainer. Federal support through the National Emergency Grants Program would create an important advantage in rebounding and planning for recovery and growth. In addition, we would appreciate the opportunity to discuss potential funding resources from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Center for Local Government Services to assist with the development of this proactive strategy.

The Borough of Marcus Hook and the surrounding communities would greatly appreciate your assistance in pursuing funding sources as an integral part of developing and implementing a strategy aimed at reducing and eliminating the community impacts from the closures of the ConocoPhillips and Sunoco facilities. We would welcome an opportunity to meet with key members of any applicable agencies to discuss the federal funding opportunity and any potential resources to help our community respond to this difficult situation.

Very truly yours,

James D. Schiliro
Mayor

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